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SUBJ: CRITICISMS OF DEMIREL GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY

1. CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CAHIT KARAKAS (REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY) ATTACKED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY UPON RETURNING NOVEMBER 15 FROM NEW YORK, WHERE HE HAD SERVED AS AN OBSERVER WITH THE TURKISH DELEGATION AT UNGA. KARAKAS ASSERTED THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT IS CARRYING ON A "CLOSED" FOREIGN POLICY WHICH IS "PUSHING TURKEY INTO ISOLATION." BASED ON HIS CONTACTS WHILE IN THE U.S., KARAKAS SAID, CONGRESSMEN WHO HAD SUPPORTED TURKEY EARLIER ARE NOW CHANGING THEIR MINDS BECAUSE OF THE "UNDECIDED POLICY" OF THE GOT REGARDING CYPRUS.
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2. THESE COMMENTS, REFLECTIVE OF A STRAIN OF CRITICISM HEARD WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY FROM BOTH THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT PRESS, WERE FOLLOWED BY A ROUND OF EDITORIAL CRITICISM AGAINST DEMIREL'S FOREIGN POLICY IN GENERAL AND AGAINST THE MFA IN PARTICULAR:

A. NOVEMBER 17 LEFTIST CUMHURIYET EDITORIALIZED THAT ALTHOUGH "PRO-AMERICAN POLICY" IS THE "FOUNDATION" OF DEMIREL'S FOREIGN POLICY, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO "SATISFY" THE INTERESTS OF THE USG AND THUS WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AN "INERT" POLICY WHICH "DOES NOT INCLUDE ATTEMPTS TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION IN CYPRUS."

B. SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN ON NOVEMBER 16 PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE OUTLINING A CYPRUS SOLUTION PLAN REPORTEDLY PREPARED BY MILITARY OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE TURKISH ZONE OF CYPRUS TO 30 PERCENT AND WOULD ALLOW THE SETTLEMENT OF 250,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE MARAS AREA ALTHOUGH THE LAND WOULD REMAIN UNDER TURKISH CONTROL. THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT DEMIREL DOES NOT OPPOSE THE PLAN BUT HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO PROCEED WITH IT FOR FEAR OF POLITICAL REACTION. ON NOVEMBER 17 THE SAME PAPER, WHILE EDITORIALIZING ABOUT THE LACK OF COORDINATION IN THE MFA AND THE "PETTY BARGAINING" WITHIN THE COALITION OVER AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS, ALSO REPORTED THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL HAD SENT VERBAL MESSAGES TO GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS AND FONMIN BITSIOS CALLING FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND THE DISCUSSION OF BOUNDARY ISSUES BY DENKTASH AND CLERIDES.

C. NOVEMBER 17 LEFTIST POLITIKA LEAD ARTICLE ANALYZES PROBLEMS IN MFA INTER ALIA AND DELAYED AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS AND THE "OBVIOUS LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STALE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS AND THE DYNAMIC YOUNG TURKISH DIPLOMATS." THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT THE ABSENCE OF A CYPRUS POLICY IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FACT THAT "THE SHIP OF TURKISH DIPLOMACY" IS WITHOUT
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A "CAPTAIN" SINCE THE LATTER FEARS DEFEAT.

D. PRO-DEMIREL TERCUMAN ALSO EDITORIALIZED ABOUT THE "SCANDALS" WITHIN THE MFA AND CALLED FOR A "REORGANIZATION FROM 'A' TO 'Z'.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DEMIREL HAS NOT BEEN IMMUNE FROM CRITICISMS OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY IN THE PAST, THE INCREASED

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